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MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA WEEKLY GAZETTE

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The first number of the *South-Carolina Weekly Gazette*, appeared on Saturday, February 15, 1783,[1] printed by Nathan Childs, 85 Church Street; on March 3, 1784, the paper became semi-weekly and the name was changed to *South Carolina Gazette and Public Advertiser*. In 1785 an attempt was made to issue it three times a week which was soon discontinued. In 1786 the name was changed to the *Charleston Morning Post and Daily Advertiser*, and the paper was published daily except Sundays. Some time in 1787 or 1788, the name was again changed to *City Gazette or Daily Advertiser*, which title, with minor changes, it held until some years after 1832 when it was sold to the proprietors of the *Charleston Courier*. This paper had several able editors during its existence, among them, Peter Freneau and W. Gilmore Simms.

Married.] At Accabee, near this Town, Col. Lewis Morris, Aid de Camp to the Hon. Major General Greene, to Miss Ann Elliott, daughter of the deceased William Elliott, Esq.—In St. John's Parish, Mr. John Bryan to Mrs. Lydia Simons, Widow of the deceased Edward Simons, Esq.—In Charlestown, Dr. Robert Grant, to Miss Esther Lesesne, Daughter of Mr. Peter Lesesne.—Mr. William Hutchins, Schoolmaster, to Miss Martha Stent. (Saturday, February 15, 1783.)

Died.] Mr. William Stukes, Merchant.—Mr. Abraham Spidel, Merchant.

St. James Goose Creek, Jan. 22, 1783

"On Thursday evening, the 16th instant, died at his Seat Archdale, on Ashly-River, Richard-Bohun Baker, Esq; a sincere Friend and an Honest Man, few were blest with a greater share of good Sense and sound Judgment, the Display of which were greatly

[1] A very full history of this paper, as well as other Charleston papers, was compiled by A. S. Salley, Jr. and published in the Centennial edition of the *News and Courier*, 1903.

prevented by an almost continued Indisposition for many Years, which he bore with the Fortitude and Resignation that forms the Characteristics of a truly wise man. (Saturday Feb. 15, 1783)

Married.] In Charlestown, Mr. William Freeman, Merchant, to Miss Elizabeth Pringle, Daughter of the deceased Robert Pringle, Esq.—Mr. John Gibbons, to Miss Ann Benfield, only Child of the deceased Mr. John Benfield.—Mr. John Kneeshaw to Miss. Elizabeth Sutcliff, youngest sister of Mr. John Sutcliff.—At Indian Land, Mr. Wilson Glover, to Mrs. Margaret Heyward widow of the deceased Daniel Heyward, Esq.—In St. Thomas's Parish, Mr. Isaac Lesesne, to Miss Judith Muzon, eldest daughter of Mr. Peter Muzon.—At James Island, Mr. William Gibbes, to Miss Mary Holmes, daughter of Mr. John Holmes.—Lately at Port Royal, Mr. William Joyner, to Mrs. Elizabeth Joyner, widow of the deceased Mr. James Joyner. (Saturday, February 22, 1783.)

Died.] Lately at John's Island, in the bloom of life, much regretted by her Friends and Acquaintances, Mrs. Mary Geyer, Wife of Mr. John Geyer, Merchant, and daughter of Mr. Thomas Hanscome.—At Fishing-creek, Camden-District, Mrs. Susanna Knox, Wife of Dr. James Knox.—In Charlestown, Mrs. Elizabeth Yates, Wife of Mr. Seth Yates.—In the 17th year of his age, Master Thomas Godfrey, a promising youth, Son of the deceased Mr. Benjamin Godfrey. (Ibid.)

[Wednesday.] A small boat coming from James Island, overset, by some Accident, near Lamboll's bridge; by this unfortunate Event, Dr. Lewis, of the Continental Hospital, and a Negroe Fellow, were drowned. (Saturday, March 1, 1783.)

Early the same morning died, in the 39th year of his Age, Thomas Grimball, Esq; Major of the Charlestown Battallion of Artillery.—At the Commencement of the War, inspired with the sacred Love of his Country, he took an early Part, and sacrificed the greatest Part of his Fortunes and domestic Tranquillity in Defense of her Liberties. After the Surrender of this Capital to the British Arms, he was taken in the same, and afterwards, contrary to a solemn Capitulation, he was banished by a lawless Banditti to St. Augustine, during which time, in the Hour of his Country's deepest Distress, he steadily adhered to and never forsook her; after which he was exchanged and sent to Philadephia,

and from thence but lately returned to his native Home. In his private life, he was a tender affectionate Husband, a sincere friend, charitable to the Poor, a kind indulgent master, and a truly honest Man.—His Remains were on the next Evening followed by a numerous Train of relations, Friends, Acquaintances, Brother Officers and men of his Batallion, and interred with Military Honours, in the Family Vault in St Philips Church Yard. (Saturday March 1, 1783.)

Last Tuesday evening Stephen Fogartie, Esq; of St. Thomas's Parish was married to Mrs. Martha Wigfall, Widow of the deceased Benjamin Wigfall, Esq.

Last Wednesday morning Daniel Legaré, sen. Esq; was married to Miss Frances Thomas, daughter of the deceased Mr. Daniel Thomas. (Saturday, March 8, 1783.)

Last Thursday morning died Mr. David Bruce, Printer, in the 52d year of his age, 24 of which he resided in Charlestown; his sudden death is much regretted by a numerous acquaintance, as an inoffensive and truly honest man.—The next evening his remains were interred in St. Michael's Church yard, attended by a great number of respectable inhabitants. (Saturday, March 15, 1783.)

Yesterday died, after a long and tedious illness which he bore with christian patience and resignation, in an advanced age, the Rev. Mr. Alexander Garden, Rector of St. Thomas's Parish, much esteemed and respected by all who knew him. (Ibid.)

Last Sunday morning died at Sandy Hill, occasioned by a fall from his horse the preceding evening, Lieut. Col. Stewart, of the Maryland line, whose untimely death is much lamented by his acquaintances, particularly by the officers belonging to the army. —His remains were on Monday morning brought to Town, and in the afternoon interred in St. Philip's Church yard, with military honours, attended by a great number of his brother officers, and many of the inhabitants. (Saturday, March 29, 1783.)

Last Wednesday afternoon Simon Berwick, Esq; was shot by two white men, about twelve miles above Dorchester, on his way from town to his plantation in Ninety-Six District.—He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, which makes his untimely death much lamented. (Ibid.)

Died.] At the Round O, John Ward, Esq; formerly an eminent

merchant in this town.—At Stono, Mrs. Sarah Nicholes, wife of Henry Nicholes, Esq. (Ibid.)

Married.] Mr. William Smelie, of Wadmalaw Island, to Mrs. Mary Lowrey, of the same place. At Savanna, in Georgia, Major John Habersham, of the Georgia regiment, and Commandant of that town, to Miss Nancy Camber, daughter of the deceased Thomas Camber, Esq; and Benjamin Lloyd, Esq; to Miss Polly Morell, daughter of the deceased John Morell, Esq. (Saturday, April 5, 1783.)

Married.] Last Tuesday evening, Thomas Middleton, Esq; to Miss Nancy Manigault, daughter of the Hon. Peter Manigault, Esq, deceased.—Capt. Francis Hill to Miss Sally Fair, daughter of Mr. William Fair, Merchant. (Saturday, April 12, 1783.)

Died.] Last night, in the bloom of life, after a lingering illness, which she bore with uncommon patience and resignation, Miss Jenny Jones, of this town, a young lady esteemed through life by a numerous acquaintance, who now sincerely laments her death. [Verses.] (Ibid.)

Married.] Lately at Philadelphia, Dr. David Ramsay, of this town, to Miss Witherspoon, daughter of D^{r}. Witherspoon, of that City.—In Charlestown, last Thursday evening, Thomas Hutchinson jun, Esq; to the amiable and accomplished Miss Betsy Leger, daughter of the deceased Mr. Peter Leger, Merchant.—The same evening, Mr. Benjamin Waring (son of John) to Miss Susanna Hamlin, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and daughter of the deceased Mr. Samuel Hamlin.—At John's Island, on Sunday last, Mr. George-Hext Freer, to Miss Susanna Holmes, daughter of Mr. Daniel Holmes. (Saturday, April 19, 1783.)

Died.] On Tuesday last, in child-bed, much regretted by all who knew her, Mrs. Eleanor Screven, wife of Col. Thomas Screven, and daughter of the Rev. Mr. Oliver Hart, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church in this town. (Ibid.)

Married.] Mr. Charles Snowden, to Miss Nancy Lawrence, daughter of Mr. Etsell Lawrence, Ship Carpenter. (Saturday, April 26, 1783.)

Died.] On Monday last, after a long and tedious illness, Thomas Rutledge, Esq; much esteemed through life by a numerous acquaintance, and now sincerely lamented.—The same day at Stono, the Rev. Mr. John Lewis, Rector of St. Paul's Parish.—

On Thursday last, in the bloom of life, Miss Ann Edwards, second daughter of the deceased John Edwards, Esq; and last evening her remains were decently interred in the family vault in the Independent church yard. (Ibid.)

We have the pleasure to inform the public the Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rector of St. Paul's Parish is not dead, as mentioned in our last, through wrong information. (Saturday, May 3, 1783.)

Married.] Last Thursday, Mr. Isaac Walter, of Bacon's Bridge, to Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins, widow of the deceased Mr. William Hopkins.—The same day, Mr. John Boomer to Miss Patty Reynolds, daughter of Mr. William Reynolds, of Wadmelaw, Island. (Ibid.)

Died.] After a lingering illness, Mrs. Margaret Imrie, of this town. (Ibid.)

Sir James Wallace was lately killed in a duel with one of his officers at Bath, England. (Saturday, May 10, 1783.)

Yesterday, about five oclock in the afternoon, a melancholy circumstance happened in a house in Union Street. A quarrel having arisen, Mr. Jacob Arnst, a constable belonging to the town, interfering to restore peace, received a mortal wound under his ribs, from one John Young, a barber, which put a period to his life in a few hours. (Ibid.)

Married.] Last Thursday evening, Colonel Anthony-Walton White, of New Jersey, to Miss Margaret Ellis, youngest daughter of the deceased Mr. William Ellis, of this town, merchant; a young lady endowed with every accomplishment requisite to render the connubial state happy. (Ibid.)

This morning died Mr. James Wright. (Saturday, May 17, 1783.)

Married.] At Boston, lately, Capt. —— Butler, of that place, to Mrs. Elizabeth Lyon, widow of the deceased Mr. John Lyon, of this town. (Saturday, May 24, 1783.)

Married.] Lieut. James Milligan, of the Pennsylvania line, to Miss Betsy M' Allister of this town. (Saturday, May 31, 1783.)

Died.] Mr. Charles-King Chitty, Sadler.—In the 60th year of his age, Capt. John Conyers. (Ibid.)

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